

IN THE CLAIMS

1. – 6. (canceled)

7. (currently amended) A router device used for a packet communication system accommodating one or more terminals and comprising
an agent reception and transfer unit, which when at least one of said terminals is in an incommunicable state ~~determined by polling said terminals from the packet communication system,~~ receives e-mail instead of a user of a terminal that is in the incommunicable state and transfers the received e-mail to a desired transfer destination,
wherein the agent reception and transfer unit decides, without receiving a whole of the e-mail except for a title of the e-mail and an address of a transmission origin of the e-mail, whether or not the e-mail is to be received by the agent reception and transfer unit.

8. (original) The ~~packet communication system~~router device of claim 7, wherein the agent reception and transfer unit which receives e-mail instead of the user, includes one or more prescribed characters in ~~a~~the title of the received e-mail, and transfers the received e-mail to the desired transfer destination.

9. (original) The ~~packet communication system~~router device of claim 7~~8~~, wherein if the prescribed characters are included in the title of the e-mail obtained without receiving the whole of the e-mail, the agent reception and transfer unit ~~sets the e-mail to be in unread state~~decides that the e-mail is not to be received by the agent reception and transfer unit, refuses reception of the e-mail, and keeps the e-mail in an unread state.

10. (original) The ~~packet communication system~~router device of claim 7, wherein if ~~an e-mail~~the address of the transmission origin of the e-mail before the e-mail is receivedobtained without receiving the whole of the e-mail agrees with ~~the~~an e-mail address used by the agent reception and transfer unit, the agent reception and transfer unit ~~sets the e-mail to be in unread state~~decides that the e-mail is not to be received by the agent reception and transfer unit, refuses reception of the e-mail, and keeps the e-mail in an unread state.